

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 1 and add new claims 2-13:

1. (Cancelled): We claim that the Snap Bat allows both baseball and softball hitters and their coaches or parents to hear if they are making a proper swing with full extension at the point of ball contact.

- ✓ 2. (New): A batting training device for determining whether maximum bat speed is achieved by a hitter at the point at which a baseball/softball makes contact with a bat to develop a full extension during swing of the bat comprising:
- a. a hollow outer tube;
 - b. a handle having a hollow inner end abutting an inner end of said hollow outer tube and into which said hollow outer tube inserts;
 - c. a solid plug affixedly attached inside of an outer end of said hollow outer tube opposite to said handle inner end;
 - d. an end cap covering said solid plug and secured to the said outer end of said hollow outer tube; and
 - e. a hollow sliding inner tube positioned ^{guided} inside said hollow outer tube, such that said hollow sliding inner tube may slide within and along the length of said hollow outer tube between said handle and said solid plug.
- ✓ 3. (New): The batting training device as claimed in claim 2, wherein said hollow outer tube is made of plastic.
4. (New): The batting training device as claimed in claim 2, wherein said handle is made of foam rubber.
5. (New): The batting training device as claimed in claim 2, wherein said solid plug is made of plastic.
- ✓ 6. (New): The batting training device as claimed in claim 2, wherein said end cap is made of plastic.

7. (New): The batting training device as claimed in claim 2, wherein said sliding inner tube is made of plastic.

8. (New): A training and teaching method for determining when a baseball/softball player has executed full extension at the point of contact between a bat and a baseball/softball, by creating a snapping sound corresponding to such full extension and based on use of a batting training device comprising:

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- a. a hollow outer tube of uniform diameter;
 - b. a handle of uniform diameter having a hollow inner end into which an inner end of said hollow outer tube inserts;
 - c. a solid plug affixedly attached inside of an outer end of said hollow outer tube;
 - d. an end cap covering said solid plug and attached to the outer end of said hollow outer tube; and
 - e. a hollow sliding inner tube of uniform diameter positioned inside said hollow outer tube and slidable along and within the length of said hollow outer tube between said handle and said solid plug and operative to create a snapping sound when said device has been properly swung to achieve said full extension.

9. (New): The method as claimed in claim 8, wherein the hollow outer tube for said device is made of plastic.

10. (New): The method as claimed in claim 8, wherein the handle for said device is made of foam rubber.

11. (New): The method as claimed in claim 8, wherein the solid plug for said device is made of plastic.

12. (New): The method as claimed in claim 8, wherein the end cap for said device is made of plastic.

A 13. (New): The method as claimed in claim 8, wherein the hollow sliding inner tube for said device is made of plastic.
